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Dear Andy and Penny:

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We received a memorandum from Services (copy enclosed to [redacted]) outlining the Los Angeles District Engineers' tentative schedule for [redacted] just before receiving Andy's letter of 18 September with the same information. Services suggests that although the dates as they stand cannot be improved upon, we give prompt notification if the engineers do not fulfill this schedule. We hope you are right that the 120 days for completing construction work can be halved, but are not counting on it, keeping fingers crossed lest the rains bog you down completely.

I approve your going ahead with the V installation as a safeguard against the possibility that weather will hold up the coax installation completely for an indefinite period, but think you should not fall back on temporary open-wire transmission lines unless the delay becomes desperate. [redacted] wonders whether it occurred to you that you would need different transformers on the open-wire lines.

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I have alerted informally the two CIA men trained in coax splicing to your need for them during the first week of December. Definite promise of their availability, any commitment on the possibility of sparing a third man (as Andy suggested) and information on new developments in splicing technique will have to wait for the return of their boss, on vacation for the next two weeks. I'll let you know if any hitches arise.

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At present we are investigating the possibility of sending [redacted] as partial replacement for [redacted] whom [redacted] is borrowing early next month for another survey trip. I will let you know as soon as plans crystallize whether you will have to go recruiting an SP-6.

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So far all we have of the new dictaphone equipment is the amplifiers. They are doing very well, after a week of difficulty getting them lined up properly, and the avo practically eliminates over- and under-recording. We expect delivery on the recorders during October and transcribers during November.

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You now have teletype messages covering your antenna wire and
flooring for the [REDACTED]

Regards.

FOR THE CHIEF, FBIB:

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Chief, Field Division

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